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FURTHER REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 7
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1. In a letter dated 12 October 1993 (S/26570), the President of the Security Council referred to my report of 7 October (S/26546) and indicated that the members of the Council agreed in principle with my recommendations, in response to a request from the Royal Government of Cambodia, to establish in Phnom Penh a team of 20 military liaison officers for a single period of six months. The members of the Council invited me to submit a further report setting out in greater detail the proposed objectives and terms of reference of such a team, together with detailed plans for its dispatch and an estimate of the resources required. This report is submitted in accordance with that request.

2. The task of the military liaison team would be to maintain close liaison with the Government and report to me on matters affecting security in Cambodia. It would also assist the Government in dealing with residual military matters related to the Paris Agreements. It will be recalled that, in requesting such presence, the Government of Cambodia referred to the tensions that will still remain in Cambodia, especially in the provinces, after the end of UNTAC's mandate, and to the need to build confidence among the Cambodian people.

3. The team would be headed in the field by a Chief Military Liaison Officer (CMLO) designated by the Secretary-General with the consent of the Security Council. The CMLO would report to the Secretary-General, who would regularly inform the Security Council on the activities of the team. All matters that might affect the nature and the continued effective functioning of the team also would be reported to the Security Council for its decision. The team would be established for a single period of six months.

4. The military liaison team would be based in Phnom Penh and maintain close and regular liaison with the Government and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces on matters affecting security in Cambodia. Members of the team would undertake activities outside Phnom Penh on the CMLO's initiative or at the request of the Cambodian authorities provided that the CMLO considered the activities requested to be necessary in order to carry out the team's liaison and reporting functions.

5. The 20 unarmed military officers who would serve as liaison officers would be provided by Governments at the request of the Secretary-General. The contributing countries would be selected after the usual consultations and with

the concurrence of the Security Council, bearing in mind the accepted principle of equitable geographical representation. Should the Security Council approve these proposals, an effort will be made to secure the required personnel to the extent possible from among UNTAC military personnel who are currently present in Cambodia pending completion of the withdrawal. It is estimated that, in order to carry out their tasks, the liaison officers would be assisted by 2 international and 13 locally-recruited civilian support staff. The bulk of the logistic equipment required by the team is expected to be drawn from UNTAC's existing resources.

6. In the letter of the President of the Council (S/26570), the members of the Council also invited me to consider and address the implications of the possibility of incorporating the officers in the United Nations office I plan to establish in Cambodia, as was suggested in the letter from the Government of Cambodia. I have accordingly given careful consideration to such a course.

7. The members of the Council will recall that, in my report of 26 August 1993 (S/26360, para. 33), I indicated my intention to establish in Phnom Penh an integrated office in order to ensure effective coordination, in close consultation with the Cambodian Government, of the full range of civilian activities that will be undertaken by various agencies of the United Nations system in Cambodia. These activities can be expected to be pursued, subject to the wishes of the Royal Government of Cambodia, on a continuous basis for a considerable period of time. The proposed deployment to Cambodia of a small number of military officers for a strictly limited period is, by contrast, an exceptional transitional measure of a short term nature. In accordance with my belief that, when the mandate of a United Nations peace-keeping operation has been concluded, the correct course is to terminate the United Nations military presence and concentrate the resources available on civilian activities in support of peace-building, it would seem better to keep the short term military activity separate from the long term civilian activities which will be coordinated through the integrated office.

8. In practice, the Chief Military Liaison Officer will be instructed to maintain regular contact with the United Nations Representative and, if so requested, to advise her or him on matters related to the security of United Nations personnel operating in Cambodia. It is also envisaged that administrative and logistic support services and resources would be shared where this would produce significant savings. The estimated cost of the proposed team would be submitted shortly as addendum to the present report.

9. I accordingly maintain my recommendation that the military liaison teams should be separate from the integrated office.
